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TAGS: ENRG, FR

SUBJECT: VIEWS OF FRENCH OFFICIAL ON ENERGY COOPERATION

1. INITIAL CALL BY ECON/COM MIN ON DUTET, ECONOMIC  
COUNSELOR AT THE ELYSEE, HAS GIVEN US FURTHER INSIGHT  
INTO GOF THINKING ON ENERGY COOPERATION PROGRAM.  
(DUTET'S FUNCTIONS ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE OF FREYCHE UNDER  
PRESIDENT POMPIDOU. HE HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL  
EXTERNAL ECONOMIC QUESTIONS, INCLUDING TRADE, MONETARY  
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AND ENERGY PROBLEMS, AND FOR MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH

ECONOMIC STAFFS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. UNLIKE FREYCHE, HE DOES NOT HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTERNAL ECONOMIC QUESTIONS.)

2. DUTET'S REMARKS GENERALLY CONFIRM WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM OTHER SOURCES. HE SAID GISCARD HAD A MUCH MORE OPEN ATTITUDE TOWARD ENERGY COOPERATION PROGRAM THAN PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION AND DID NOT CONSIDER HIMSELF IN ANY WAY BOUND BY DECISIONS OF PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE DID NOT WANT TO REVERSE THOSE DECISIONS TOO ABRUPTLY OR DRAMATICALLY. AT THE SAME TIME, THE FRENCH HAD CERTAIN QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EFFECTIVENESS AND WORKABILITY OF SOME OF THE PROPOSALS DRAFTED BY THE ECG. DUTET SAID HE WANTED TO ASSURE US THAT ANY HESITATIONS OR DOUBTS OF THIS KIND WERE NOT INSPIRED BY POLITICAL DISTRUST OF THE L.S. SUCH AS HAD BEEN THE CASE WITH POMPIDOU AND JOBERT. AFTER ALL, HE NOTED, A COUNTRY AS WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS THE U.S. AS NORWAY HAD SIMILAR RESERVATIONS. DUTET SAID ANOTHER CONSIDERATION WHICH HAD CONTRIBUTED TO A CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE BY THE GISCARD GOVERNMENT WAS A DESIRE NOT TO TAKE ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD DAMAGE FRANCE'S TRADITIONAL RELATIONS WITH ARAB GOVERNMENTS.

3. DUTET SAID THAT GISCARD HAD NOT YET COME TO A DECISION ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH FRANCE WOULD BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ENERGY COOPERATION PROGRAM. HE SAID THE MATTER WAS BEING INTENSIVELY STUDIED BY THE APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES AND HE HOPED THE FRENCH POSITION WOULD BE MUCH CLEARER BY THE TIME SAUVAGNARGUES AND FOURCADE DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM WITH THEIR OPPOSITE NUMBERS IN WASHINGTON AT THE END OF THE MONTH. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE COULD NOT SAY DEFINITELY THAT THERE WOULD BE A DEFINITE DECISION BY THEN. IT MIGHT BE THAT THE GOF WOULD PREFER TO WAIT AND SEE HOW THINGS DEVELOPED BEFORE MAKING A DECISION.

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